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SUBJECT: UNEP GC V (MAY 9-25), ITEM 14, PROBLEM OF MATERIEL REMNANTS
OF WARS

1. DOCUMENT ON THIS ITEM (UNEP GC 103) AIR POUCHED TO
TREVITHICK, IO/SCT, AND KING, OES/ENP/EN, APRIL 26. DOCUMENT
STATES THAT THE STUDY IS LIMITED TO AN EXAMINATION OF THE
EFFECTS OF THE MATERIEL REMNANTS OF WAR ON THE POPULATION
OF AFFECTED AREAS, PROBLEMS WITH CLEARING THESE REMNANTS AND
WAYS OF PREVENTING SIMILAR EFFECTS IN THE FUTURE.
FORTY-FOUR GOVERNMENTS HAS BY MARCH 1 REPLIED TO EXDIR'S
LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE AND 13 SUPPLIED INFORMATION.
INFORMATION THEY SUPPLIED CONCERNED ONLY REMNANTS OF THE
SECOND WORLD WAR.

2. AMONG HIS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

A. ALL STATES REPOSIBLE FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE REMNANTS
OF WAR ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES SHOULD PROVIDE THE
LATTER WITH ALL INFORMATION USEFUL IN THE REHABILITATION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT, E.G. LOCATION OF MINE FIELDS, ETC.

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B. GOVERNMENTS MAY SEEK TECHINICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH
UNEP FOR THE PREPARATION OF THEIR PROGRAMS FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF MINES, AND A SCHEME SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED
FOR GIVING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL AID TO COUNTRIES
FOR CLEARING REMNANTS OF WAR.

C. FURTHER STUDIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF CERTAIN WEAPONS.

D. ADOPTION OF A GLOBAL CONVENTION TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE 1975 PROPOSALS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE PROPOSALS MADE IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

E. THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF A GLOBAL NATURE, ALL FUTURE LAND MINES, BOODY TRAPS, GRENADES AND BOMBS SHOULD BE FITTED WITH SELF-DESTRUCTIVE OR NEUTRALIZING MECHANISMS WHICH WILL AUTOMATICALLY NEUTRALIZE THEM OR OTHERWISE MAKE THEM HARMLESS AFTER A PREDETERMINED PERIOD.

3. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOPES THAT THE GOVERNING COUNCIL WILL NOTE HIS REPORT; REQUEST HIM TO TRANSMIT HIS STUDY TO THE 32ND GA AND TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE ELIMINATION OF REMNANTS OF WAR.

4. AS THIS REPORT WILL TAKE GC V DISCUSSION INTO THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND HUMANITARIAN LAW THE DELEGATION WILL REQUIRE DETAILED GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE IT.
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